

**KITTITAS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING**

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

JUNE 17, 2014

Board members present: Chairman Paul Jewell; Vice-Chairman Gary Berndt and Commissioner Obie O'Brien.

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Doc Hansen, Planning Official; Lindsey Ozbolt, Staff Planner.

PUBLIC HEARING

AMEND KCC TITLE 15A

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At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** opened a Public Hearing to consider an amendment to Kittitas County Code Title 15A, Revising SEPA Appeal Procedure.

DOC HANSEN, PLANNING OFFICIAL reviewed a Staff Report. He explained that presently when there is an administrative decision made the decision within Kittitas County is appealable through a "closed record" process or hearing where there is no public testimony before the body making the decision on an appeal. The administrative appeal process is used for appeals of SEPA threshold determinations (not including a DS) and appeals of administrative land use decisions such as short plats or variances. He stated that recently this process was challenged and found by the Washington State Supreme Court not to comport the State Law which requires an open record hearing. **MR. HANSEN** reviewed the proposed revisions.

The Board asked questions of Staff and asked him to provide clarification on the proposed amendment to KCC 15A.

MR. HANSEN encouraged the Board to only rule on the decision before them, and then place it on the Comp. Plan Docket for the language & clarification changes discussed today and at that time they can be formally adopted.

THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

AMENDMENT

KITTITAS CO. CODE TITLE 15A

CDS

2014-06-17 MINUTES

APPROVED
7-1-14

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN moved to approve an amendment to Kittitas County Code 15A, revising SEPA appeal procedure as presented. **COMMISSIONER BERNDT** seconded.

CHAIRMAN JEWELL moved to amend the motion, correcting Table A in the proposed regulation changes to 15A to make it clear that step 2 for development agreements is an open record hearing before the BOCC and to direct staff to prepare enabling documents. **COMMISSIONER BERNDT** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Main Motion as amended was approved 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Mandy Buchholz

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**


Paul Jewell, Chairman